

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTION

A. Background of the Study

Everyone may have their own personal identity. Personal identity deals with questions that related about ourselves and the people characteristics. Many of these questions are familiar related to personal identity : Who Am I? Where I was born? Also the people perception about what is the unique part, excess,drawback and personality of the person.

In philosophy, the issue of personal identity concerns related to whether the person is the same person over the time. In psychology, the issue of personal identity is related to self concept. Self concept is an individual's perception of self, including self-esteem, self image, and ideal self. According to Woolfolk (2001: 66), self-concept is defined as “the value that an individual places on his or her own characteristics, qualities, abilities, and actions”.

Not only in psychology and phyloshopy, in literature, the issue of personal identity becomes the concerns for the author to write the novel. One of the author who is interested in writing the story about personal identity is Khaled Hosseini with his novel *And The Mountain Echoed*. He was born March 4 1965. He is an Afghan american novelist. After graduating from college, he worked as a doctor in California. He has published three novels, almost of the novels set in Afghanistan and feature Afghans as the protagonist. His father worked as a diplomat, and when Hosseini was 11 years old, the family moved to France, four years later, they applied for asylum in the United States. He attended school in America with little knowledge of the English

language at the time and later became a citizen. All three of his novels became bestsellers, with *The Kite Runners* pending 101 weeks on the bestseller list as a paperback. In 2007, *The Kite Runner* was followed by *A Thousand Splendid Suns*, which has spent 21 weeks on *The New York Times* Best Seller list for paperback fiction and 49 weeks on *The New York Times* Best Seller list for hardcover fiction (number one for 15 of those weeks). The two novels have been sold more than 38 million copies internationally.

One of the novel which tells about personal identity is *And the Mountains Echoed* the third novel by Afghan-American author Khaled Hosseini. Published in 2013 by Riverhead Books, it different from Hosseini's style in his first two books focusing on any one character. In contrast, the book is written in collection of short stories, which has nine chapters being told from the perspective of a different character. The novel consists of 462 pages and has nine chapters.

The novel tells the relationship between ten year old Abdullah and his three year old sister Pari and their father's decision to sell her to a wealthy couple in Kabul. At first it tells about Parwana step mother of Abdullah and Pari who has the jealous feeling with her twin sister, Masooma. She feels envious then she caused her sister injured Paraplegia, then Pawarna decides to take care of her sister for several years then her sister lets to suicide and let Pawarna marry Saboor. Their older brother, Nabi, left to work in Kabul for Mr. Wahdati, a wealthy man in Kabul, and felt in love with Nila Wahdati, Mr. Wahdati Wife. After Nila Wahdati confess about her inability to have children, Nabi tries to help his boss by sold Pari to his boss. After several years, Mr.

Wahdati suffers stroke then his wife can not take care of him and decides to move in Paris with her daughter Pari, and lets Mr. Wahdati alone. Then Nabi is the only one who takes care about Mr. Wahdati for 50 years.

While, Wahdati neighbour move to United states during civil war with their children. And Cousins Idris and Timur return to Afghanistan over two decades later in 2003 to reclaim their family's property. Then Idris meets Roshni, an Afghan girl whose family was murdered by her uncle. Idris wants to try to help Roshni and pay her the operations needed for her recovery, but it is just a promise.

Nila is then living in Paris and she is unhappy with her life. She has a lot of boyfriends, drink and smoke too much. Then she decides to suicide in 1974 after giving a detailed interview about her early life. Pari suspects that she is not Nila's biological daughter and plans a trip to Afghanistan to see her homeland but she cancels her plan after marrying and becoming pregnant. After having three children and being widowed at the age of 48, she receives a posthumous letter from Nabi in 2010 about her information being adopted by the Wahdati.

Later chapters focus on Adel, a boy who thinks that his father is perfect and kind but in fact, his father is a war criminal and that his house is built on the land that previously belonged to Saboor, and Markos, a Greek aid worker in Afghanistan and acquaintance of Nabi. In the final chapter, it tells about, Abdullah and Pari are reunited in California. They finally meet again after several years. However, he suffers Alzheimer disease and can not remember her. Then Pari tries to make his brother remember him by singing a

children song to him, reading the poem to him, and it is useless because her brother can not remember her again.

Three million copies of *And the Mountains Echoed* were sold within five months of its publication. First printed in hardcover, *And the Mountains Echoed* was priced at \$28.95 in the United States and £14.99 in the United Kingdom. Hosseini went on a five-week tour to 41 cities across America to promote the book. In October 2013, plans were confirmed to translate *And the Mountains Echoed* into 40 languages, among them Icelandic and Malaysian.

There are many responses toward *And The Mountain Echoed* novel. Positive response written by Soniah Kamal from *Atlanta's source for arts news and reviews*, he states that the novel shows the real condition of the world in which there are bitterness and also godness and kindness around the people, how the person designs the future and how they live with their choices. So, the novel is really recommended to read.

Marcela Valdes from *Washington Post*, stated that it is really hard to judge the novel in a short review. The novel shows the rhyming pairs of characters, the echoing situations, the varied takes on honesty, loneliness, beauty, and poverty even the transformation of emotions into physical elements. This novel according to her belongs to the best seller list novel.

Negative responses written by Nancy Katz in *goodsreads*. She thinks that this book is not quite good as Hosseini's is other two books. She stated that that book is written in a different style which makes her confused.

She feels that when she focuses on one character then it switches immersed in the new character life.

Beside the positive responses, there are also the negative responses about *And The Mountain Echoed* Novel USA Today critic Kevin Nance found the story of Abdullah and Pari "devastating" but thought the large cast of characters, "including some introduced fairly late in the proceedings, when the reader just wants to return to the core cast", was excessive. Also *The Independent's* Arifa Akbar stated, the changing points of view and leaps in time can confuse and confine, leaving characters clearly defined but lacking depth. Decades gallop by and it is as if the story of these interconnected, cross-generational lives will simply go on echoing the original crime of Abdullah and Pari's separation.

There are four reasons why the writer is interested in studying this novel: the first is because this novel is based on the true story. The story is based on phenomenon of Afghanistan in civil war against Uni Soviet. This story is very touchy.

Second reason is about the characterization between two major characters, Nabi and Pari. Nabi is the step uncle of Pari. He is the person who separates Pari and her brother, Abdullah. Then at the end of his life he writes the letter to Pari, that Pari has the biological family in Shadbagh. And Pari, after being separated by her brother and adopted by wealthy couple in Kabul, when she is an adult, she feels something missing on her heart. All her life is like a puzzle. She feels that something missing with her past in Afghanistan, then she

wonders and finally she finds testament from Nabi that she has brother in Afganistan.

Third reason is about the setting. The setting takes place in Afganisthan and happens in war between Uni Soviet and Afganisthan. The writer then knows the condition in Afganisthan during war and the impact of the war for the society especially low class society. Many children and babies die when the winter comes, many family separated each other, many children loose their parents, and poverty happens in everywhere.

The last reason, the novel plot is unpredictable. Although the novel chapter consists of different character with different story , it makes the readers curious to read more and more. And the plot is not based on chronological order, so the readers have to read the novel wholeheartedly to catch the story of the novel.

Searching the personal identity becomes an issue choosen by the researcher in the movie. Eventhough siblings are separated by someone else, as the time goes by she will realize that she feels something missing in her soul. By realizing the missing lost pieces someone can search the personal identity to find her lost pieces on her soul. This issue is faced by the main character of the novel, Pari. Thus the researcher wants to study searching the personal identity from the psychological perspective.

According to those reasons, the researcher would like to analyze searching for personal identity in Khaled Hosseini's And the Mountain Echoed novel based on the Psychological Approach and the tittle is **THE SEARCH FOR THE PERSONAL IDENTITY IN KHALED HOSSEINI'S AND**

THE MOUNTAIN ECHOED (2013): A PSYCHOLOGICAL APPROACH

B. Literature Review

In this study, the researcher summarizes some relevant literature review to prove the originality of this study, by this literature review, the writer hopes that the reader can understand the differentiation and the similarities this study with the other relevant research.

The first is a research conducted by Michiko Kakutani entitled *Siblings Haunted By The Past, And By Afghanistan's Cycle Of Misery (2013)*. He stated that this novel tells its story through the prism of sibling relationships a theme refracted through the lives of several pairs of brothers and sisters. He wants to describe that Pari has felt "the absence of something, or someone, fundamental to her own existence sometimes it felt so clear, this absence, so intimately close it made her heart lurch." she has haunted by her past and try to remember where she belongs to and the ways the past can haunt the present.

The second is a research conducted by Rachel Martin From NPR Staff Entitled *Siblings' Separation Haunts In 'Kite Runner' Author's Latest* focuses on the relationship on sibling between an older brother and sister. *And The Mountains Echoed* is a story about family specifically the siblings Abdullah and Pari, separated at a young age. He describes that a young Abdullah thinks that he would rather forget Pari than be haunted by his memory.

Abdullah would find himself on a spot where Pari had once stood, her absence like a smell pushing up from the earth beneath his feet, and his heart would collapse in on itself. This focuses on sibling relationship between brother and sister not about sort of traditional, romantic love.

The similarity of this research with both literature reviews is analyzing the same novel from Khaled Hosseini *And The Mountain Echoed*. The differentiation between both literature review with this research is the first research focuses on analyzing the issues the *Siblings Haunted By The Past*, second research is focused on *Siblings' Separation Haunts In 'Kite Runner' Author's Latest*. While in this research, researcher focuses on search for personal identity by using psychological approach.

C. Problem Statement

Based on previous study, the writer proposes the problems:

1. How are the structural elements in Khaled Hosseini's *And The Mountain Echoed* novel?
2. How does the main character search her personal identity in *And The Mountain Echoed* ?

D. Limitation of the Study

The researcher focuses this research in analyzing searching personal identity in Khaled Hosseini's *And The Mountain Echoed* novel based on psychological approach.

E. Objectives of the Study

The objectives of the study are mentioned as follows :

1. To analyze Khaled Hosseini *And The Mountain Echoed* based on structural elements of novel.
2. To analyze the true identity in Khaled Hosseini's *And The Mountain Echoed* novel based on a psychological approach.

F . Benefits of the Study

The writer hopes that her research at *And The Mountain Echoed* (2013) has benefits. The benefits of this study will be distinguished into two benefits:

1. Theoretical Benefit

The study is expected to give a new contribution and information to the larger body of knowledge , particularly the literary studies on *and The Mountain Echoed* novel.

2. Practical Benefit

The study is expected to enrich knowledge and experience of the researcher and another researchers who have interest in literary study on the novel from Psychological Approach.

G. Research Method

1. Type of the Study

In this research, the writer uses qualitative research. The data sources are library and literary data. It proposes to analyze novel using self concept theory. The steps to conduct this research are (1) determining the type of the study, (2) determining the object of the study, (3) determining data and data source, (4) determining technique of data collection, and (5) determining techniques of data analysis.

2. Object of the Study

The object of the study is searching for personal identity reflected in Khaled Hosseini (2013). It is analyzed by using a humanistic psychological theory.

3. Type of the Data and Data Source

There are two data sources need in this research, namely primary data sources and secondary data sources.

1) Primary Data Source

The primary data source is Khaled Hosseini's *And The Mountain Echoed* (2013).

2) Secondary Data Sources

The secondary data sources are from other sources related to the study, such as journal, dictionary, and some related books that support the analysis.

4. Technique of Data Collection

The methods of collecting data are as follows:

- 1) Reading the novel repeatedly and understanding the content
- 2) Reading some other resources related to the novel and the theory.
- 3) Giving marks to particular parts in the novel, which are considered important for the analysis
- 4) Taking notes for important parts both in primary and secondary data sources.
- 5) Classifying the data into categories and developing them into a good unity.
- 6) Drawing conclusion and formulate its pedagogical suggestion.

5. Technique of the Data Analysis

The technique used in analyzing the data is descriptive analysis. The writer focuses on describing and analyzing in the search for personal identity reflected in Khaled Hosseini (2013) novel.

6. Paper Organization

The research paper organization of “the search for personal identity reflected in Khaled Hussein’s *And The Mountain Echoed* novel (2013) are as follows.

Chapter I is introduction, which consist o background of the study, literary review, problem statement, limitation of the study, the objectives of study, the benefit of study, theoretical application, research method and research paper organization.

Chapter II comprises of the underlying theory, which presents the notions

Chapter III deals with structural analysis of the novel, which involves the structural elements of the novel and discussion.

Chapter IV presents the psychological analysis.

Chapter V presents conclusion and suggestion.